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WLL TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems being faced by the subscribers having Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephone connections in rural areas as the BSNL is not supplying the battery of WLL phones;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, BSNL has provided WLL telephone connections to the subscribers with Fixed Wireless Terminal (FWT) having either in-built batteries or 12V Switch Mode Power Supply (SMPS).

However, due to poor availability of A/C mains supply in the rural areas, the in-built battery of the subscriber terminals (FWT) does not get charged properly causing interruption of services to the customers.

(c) Following are the salient corrective steps taken in this regard:

(i) SMPSs are being used with FWTs in rural areas to enhance the battery back up of FWTs wherever there is an A/C mains problem.

(ii) Do's and Don'ts have been issued to subscribers to increase their awareness on proper use of FWTs so as to minimize FWT related faults.

(iii) In-built batteries are being procured by BSNL to replace the faulty ones.